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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO
(ALFRED MELVIN FELDSTEIN)

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONGRESSMAN STARK'S OFFICE HAS LETTER FROM FELDSTEIN
ALLEGING MISTREATMENT AND DENIAL OF RIGHTS IN HIS CASE. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OR ACTION ON FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS: PER STARK MATERIAL FELDSTEIN
ALLEGES HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CALL CONOFF AT TIME OF ARREST,
AND RECORDS INDICATE FIRST VISIT TOOK PLACE 40 DAYS LATER
AFTER ARREST WAS REPORTED BY FELDSTEIN'S MOTHER-IN-LAW.
DENIAL BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS IS
OF CONTINUING CONCERN AND IT IS HOPED FUTURE PROBLEMS OF
THIS TYPE MAY BE LESSENED.

3. CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY: PER STARK MATERIAL, FELDSTEIN
ALLEGES THAT JEWELRY WORTH DOLLARS 6,000 WAS TAKEN FROM HIM
AT TIME OF ARREST AND HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED. EMBASSY IS
REQUESTED TO ASSIST FELDSTEIN IN ATTEMPTING RETRIEVAL OF HIS
PROPERTY INsofar AS IS POSSIBLE IF HE STILL DESIRES.

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4. VISITATIONS: DEPARTMENT NOTES FELDSTEIN DECLINED TO SEE CONOFF ON TWO VISITS IN 1974, BUT IS CONCERNED THAT FILE DOES NOT CONTAIN NOTES ON VISITS TO FELDSTIN FROM APRIL 18, 1974 UNTIL MARCH 7, 1975. DID HE DECLINE TO SEE CONOFF DURING THAT PERIOD? IF SO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN FILE.

5. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: PER STARK MATERIAL FELDSTEIN ALLEGES THAT AT TIME OF ARREST HE WAS STRIPPED, BLINDFOLDED, AND BEATEN WHILE HIS HANDS WERE TIED BEHIND HIS BACK UNTIL HE SIGNED A CONFESSION, ALTHOUGH NO COMPLAINT IN THIS REGARD WAS NOTED IN REPORT OF CONOFF'S INITIAL VISIT. FELDSTEIN'S COMPLAINT QUESTIONABLE, NOT HAVING BEEN MADE UNTIL 19 MONTHS AFTER TIME OF ARREST WHEN IT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED. UNLESS POST HAS REASON TO BELIEVE HIS ALLEGATION CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED, NO ACTION APPEARS POSSIBLE.

6. POST SHOULD CABLE NO LATER THAN 11/24/75 STATUS OF ACTIONS INITIATED OR COMPLETED ON FELDSTEIN. KISSINGER

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